

**Part 781-04:**  
**MEASURING OUR PROGRESS**

No single index such as per capita energy use can do a comprehensive job of describing the state's energy performance and trends in energy efficiency. A single index cannot provide much management information about whether the overall goals of the strategy are being met. It also does not indicate what factors might need to be addressed to improve the strategy's success.

Consequently, a measurement and evaluation plan is needed to establish a set of performance indices that are specific to energy sectors, sensitive to economic conditions, and sensitive to substitution in fuels. These indices will rely on currently collected information wherever possible.

Accordingly, the State Energy Office will develop and implement a measurement and evaluation plan independently of this *Energy Plan*. This will consist of an annual energy savings report on its energy programs to track the response of government agencies within Rhode Island to the recommendations of this Energy Plan.

The Department of Environmental Management will also be developing a "LEAP2000" model, which is an integrated, end-use-oriented accounting tool for studying energy and environment scenarios. This model will assist in evaluating existing and potential programs as well.

These efforts will show the impacts of strategies recommended and implemented. The *Energy Plan* will be reviewed and updated as warranted.